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NOT SATISFIED

As was to be expected, the magistrates and constables of Wilmington are not content as one of them states "to wear the stigma" cast upon them by the Comptroller when he cut out of their bills such items of costs and charges as the Comptroller believed from his investigation were without proper warrant in law. On Tuesday of this week, their counsel appeared before the Levy Court and asked that a further hearing be had. One of the magistrates in a letter to the *Morning News*, suggests referring the matters in dispute to three referees. If this were not an evidence of a sad lack of legal knowledge by a Justice of the Peace, it would be ludicrous. By the provisions of the act creating the office of Comptroller, it is required that all bills before allowance by the Levy Court shall be audited and marked "correct," and he is given the power to summon "witnesses and make such investigation as is necessary to arrive at a just decision of the matter. In case of his refusal to mark any bill "correct," he is required to transmit his reasons, and in such case a majority of the Levy Court may pay the bill, despite the objections of the Comptroller. This act clearly defines the duties and responsibilities of the Comptroller and there is no hint of any reference to referees. These claims of the officials having been thoroughly examined by the Comptroller and his action in striking out certain items being approved by the Levy Court, the case is closed and those officers who have accepted the warrants drawn have acted wisely. The others should do likewise and permit the matter to pass into oblivion, and in the future present bills in accordance with the law, and not following Democratic precedents.

THE WRECK AT GREENWOOD

The cause of a serious accident at Greenwood on Wednesday is at this writing unsuspected. The snow storm and the escaping steam are given as reasons for the collision. But the carrying of dynamite in car load lots should be done only under the most careful regulations, and these should be most rigidly enforced. The loss of two lives, the bruising and maiming of several persons and the temporary demolition of a whole town are events that demand a full investigation and a free publication of the results. We have no doubt that the Railroad Company will extend to the Coroner of Sussex County every facility for arriving at the exact truth. One of the lessons to be learned should be that naphtha and explosives of any kind should not be carried in the same train, and it would be better, probably, if they were not transported on the same day.

TOWNSEND

Mrs. I. P. Pritchard spent Tuesday in Smyrna.
Miss Catherine Hutchison was in Smyrna Tuesday.
Dr. T. A. Ence and son Thomas spent Tuesday in Philadelphia.
Mr. Archie Finley spent Friday and Saturday in Philadelphia.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hess, of Wilmington, was in town Tuesday.
Miss Mable Smith, of St. Georges, spent a few days in town last week.
Mr. George Webb, of Wilmington, visited Mr. D. T. Lynam last week.
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Weldon are visiting in Wilmington and Philadelphia.
Mrs. W. H. Money and Mrs. W. N. Watts spent Tuesday in Middletown.
Mrs. L. B. Shockley and little daughter Naomi are visiting friends in Ellendale.
Mr. and Mrs. John Lattomus, of Wilmington, spent a few days in town last week.
Prof. Smith, formerly of Townsend but now principal of Chestertown school, was in town Saturday.
Mr. W. H. Reynolds' new residence is nearing completion. He expects to occupy it before Christmas.
Mr. and Mrs. James C. Ginn will celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of their wedding on Saturday evening, December 19th.
Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Shuster, of Wilmington, spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Lattomus.
Miss Ethelwyn Maloney a student of Wilmington Conference Academy, spent a few days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Maloney.
Trolley Line Extension
Judge E. R. Cochran, President of the Middletown & Odessa Trolley Company, is quoted as stating that the line will be extended in the spring to Townsend, Blackbird, Clayton and Smyrna, and connected with the New Castle and Delaware City road.

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WRECK, EXPLOSION, FIRE

A shock as of an earthquake startled the people of Kent and Sussex counties just after the clock had struck the noon hour on Wednesday last, and many were so much alarmed that they believed that something had happened to their property directly; but the news was soon brought by the telephones that Greenwood, a thriving little town on the northern borders of Sussex county was in the throes of the greatest catastrophe that had ever resulted from a railroad accident in Delaware, and that she was asking aid from her sister towns for the injured and the dying.

Southbound freight No. 5400 ran into the rear of extra freight No. 5113 during a snow storm, telescoping the cars of the former and stacking them up three high. They tottered in the air for a moment, and then fell about three feet from the track. The explosion followed immediately and the support which could be heard as it fell high up into the heavens.

The railroad man was killed outright at his post and three others seriously injured. The list follows:

Dead.
Edward Roach, Wilmington, head brakeman; burned to death.
Injured.
William A. Sheppard, No. 919 Lombard street, engineer, burned and cut about the head and hands.
Cornelius J. Hall, No. 333 East Fourth street, conductor, badly burned about head, face and hands.
John Barker, No. 604 Poplar street, seriously burned about face, head and hands.

In addition the following residents of Greenwood were more or less injured: Mrs. Edward Jones, Miss Geo. Cox, Mrs. Ella Todd, Dr. H. J. Johnson and children, Mrs. C. W. Parker, John Boswick, Mrs. Charles Andrews, Mrs. Addie Lyons, Ashby Morris, Edward Lyons, Horace Lynch, Miss Rhea Jones, Mrs. John Boswick, and several others of Greenwood.

Greenwood boasts of 300 houses, nearly all of which are of frame structure, and it is not believed that one escaped damage. A row of buildings facing the railroad tracks near the scene of the wreck were completely shattered. The house of Dr. H. C. Johnson, which stood about 75 feet from the spot where the car exploded was burned together with the stables. A horse in the latter was burned to death. Three other smaller buildings were reduced to ashes, having become ignited from the flying embers from the wreck.

The new and old M. P. Churches, the M. E. Church and the public school house were all badly damaged, though there is a considerable distance away from the scene of the explosion, and it is probable that all will have to be rebuilt. The houses of W. S. Lord, David Porter, W. Miller, Alexander Jones, Frank Anderson, Wilbur Hiltch, were badly damaged, and those who lost by the fire which spread from the home of Dr. Johnson.

Dr. C. W. Ammeason, James Willey, Frank Anderson, W. Hitch, James Rodgers and John Willey. The historic M. P. Church is a total wreck.

The Delaware road station was badly shattered, and a flying timber crashed through a window almost grazing William T. Carter, Jr., the station agent.

ODESSA

Rev. R. L. Hallatt was a Wilmington visitor Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Vandergrift spent Wednesday in Philadelphia.

Mr. George Heldmeyer is visiting Philadelphia and Collingdale, N. J.

Mrs. Stanley S. Stevens spent a few days this week with Mrs. Alfred Stevens.

Mrs. N. S. Arters, of Crumpton, is visiting her son, Rev. J. M. Arters, this week.

Miss Elizabeth Carter, of Wilmington, is visiting her sister, Mrs. William C. McCoy.

Messrs. George W. Davis and Delaware Davis returned Wednesday night from a gunning trip down the State.

Miss Ethel L. Mailly was entertained by friends in Glasgow from Saturday until Monday.

Miss Viola Cleaver entertained Miss Miss Bessie Walker from Townsend, over Sunday.

Mrs. Annie Shofield, of Still Pond, Md., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. H. V. Woodall.

Miss C. Anna Morgan is spending sometime with her uncle, Mr. Joseph Hoffer, in Chester, Pa.

Capt. H. V. Woodall has moved from the property on High street to the Meles property on Main street.

Rev. J. M. Arters and Mr. L. V. April, Sr., attended the annual convention of the Delaware State Temperance Alliance, at Dover, on Tuesday.

Mrs. C. C. Brown, of Wilmington, and Mrs. Jennie C. Collins, of Smyrna, will represent the W. H. M. S. in St. Pauls M. E. Church on Sunday morning. Public is cordially invited.

PUBLIC SALE

HOUSEHOLD and STABLE GOODS

of Marcellus Jones, deceased, at his late residence on South Broad Street, Middletown, Del.

Saturday, DEC. 5, 1903

at 1 o'clock, P. M.

Two fine Mirrors, 2 fine Bed-room Sets, valances, 2 fine Wardrobes, 6 walnut, 1 Hair Mattress, 1 fine Mattress, new; 2 Marble Top Tables, walnut; 2 Rocking Chairs, 6 Walnut Chairs, 6 Dining Chairs, oak; 1 Extension Table, fine; 1 Kitchen Table, 4 Kitchen Chairs and Utensils, 2 Chamber Sets, Hall and other Lamps, new Commode, 2 dozen Window Shades, 3 Wash Tubs, Boiler, &c.; Coal Oil Stove, Can, &c.; also;

ONE TOP CARRIAGE,

One Spindle Buggy, 2 Sets Single Harness, Fly Nets, Horse Collar and Harness, Lap Robes, Horse Blankets, 50 feet of new Hose, 1 Wheelbarrow, and many articles not herein mentioned.

ALSO, LOT OF COAL BY THE TON.

TERMS CASH.

At the same time and place, the

will be offered for sale, terms accommodating.

MRS. H. R. JONES, J. R. HOFFECKER, Executors

1903 TIME TABLE 1903

The New Iron Steamer Clio

Captain HOWARD V. WOODALL, WILL LEAVE

Odessa & Augustine Pier for Phila.

AND RETURN FROM Arch Street WHARF, PHILADELPHIA.

AS FOLLOWS: DECEMBER

Odessa Thursday, 12, 6:30 pm

Monday, 15, 11 am

Thursday, 18, 10:30 am

Monday, 21, 10:30 am

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D. Ross & Son

206, 208, 210 MARKET ST.

Wilmington, Del.

THE CHRISTMAS STORE.

Winter Weather Offerings.

Have come into the greatest popular favor of late years, and this season will see a greater variety of Furs in use than ever before. We are Headquarters for Furs and are showing a great variety of Furs for Winter wear at lowest market prices.

Fur Scarfs, \$1.00 to \$25.00.

Fur Muffs, \$2.50 to \$9.00.

Children's Fur Se's, 90c to \$5.00.

Fur Driving Gloves and Collars, 75c to \$5.00.

Fur Top Kid Gloves, 50c to \$1.50.

Golf Vests and Ladies Sweaters all the newest designs and colors, \$1.50 to \$3.00.

Men's Sweaters and Knit Jackets, all colors and prices, from 50c up.

Tam o' Shaners, Polo and Skating Caps, all colors, 25c to 90c.

Plush and Corduroy Caps, 50c to \$1.50.

Winter Underwear, a complete line, woolen and fleece lined, 25c to \$1.50.

Blankets and Comforts, 59c to \$6.50.

McGALL PATTERNS 10¢ and 15¢

Fashion Sheets FREE at Store.

OUR GUARANTEE:

Better Goods for the Same Money, or the Same Goods for Less Money Than Elsewhere.

D. Ross & Son 206, 208, 210 MARKET ST.

Wilmington, Del.

THE CHRISTMAS STORE.

Dancing Classes!

You and your friends are invited to join the Dancing Classes being formed to be held at the Century Club Rooms, Middletown, Del.

ADULTS CLASS, FRIDAY EVENINGS from 8 to 10.

CHILDREN'S CLASS, FRIDAY Afternoons, from 5 to 6.

Special attention will be given to children in Fancy Dancing. For terms and further information.

Apply to MRS. GEORGE JANVIER, Middletown, Del.

Or by mail to PROF. FRANK GILES, Wilmington, Del.

BARIS & FOGEL,

MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

A Closing Out Sale!

OF

MEN'S, YOUNG MEN'S and BOYS' Clothing!

Never in the history of Middletown has there been a Clothing Sale that has attracted such attention as this one. Never has High Grade Clothing for Men, Young Men and Boys been sold so low. All new goods well made. DON'T MISS THIS SALE.

Men's \$10 Suits, Fancy Striped Plaids, blue or black Cheviots and Cassimers, single or double breasted \$5

Winter \$12 Suits, fancy mixed cassimers, chev- viots, black diagonal, all wool, well tailored and good fitting, in single or double breasted 8.50

Men's and Young Men's Overcoats. Full length of Oxford gray and fancy chev- iots, a good value at \$7.50. Our price..... 5.00

Men's \$14 Overcoats, finely tailored, they are cut in full lengths or short, of oxford, gray and black melton cloth, princes, serge lining, satin lined sleeves, only 10.00

Boys' Suits and Overcoats. If you want to dress your boy well at a small cost, don't fail to take advantage of these splendid offerings this week.

Two-piece double breasted suits, of all wool, blue, black, brown, fancy chevviots and mixed goods, a fine suit for every day or dress, 1.50 to 5.00. Don't miss this sale.

Boys' Reefers, \$1.50.

Boys' Russian blouse Overcoats, \$2.50

Boys' Raglan or Swagar Coats, \$2.50 to \$5.00.

Our Stock of Ladie's Goods

Is now larger than ever. New goods coming in every day. Ladie's suit, dress and walking skirts, all the new style Coats for the winter at prices so low that you need not wait until after Christmas to buy them.

A full line of Waists in cotton goods, mercerised and flannel and silk. Also Children's Coats from 95c to \$5.00.

BARIS & FOGEL,

Cor. Broad and Main Sts.

THE Standard Grand

(Two In One)

Sewing Machine.

A man of experience in the sewing machine business after examining this machine said "THE STANDARD GRAND is the handsomest and finest sewing machine I have seen in sixteen years in the sewing machine business."

This is the only Straight up and down strictly automatic, absolutely balanced, self-fastening drop stand machine in the world. Call and see it or write for full descriptive circular to

The Standard Sewing Machine Co., 823-25 Filbert St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Or J. H. Emerson, Agt, Undertaker and Dealer in Furniture.

MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE.

Star Course Entertainments!

BENEFIT OF THE FOREST CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY.

Middletown, OPERA HOUSE, DECEMBER 31st, 1903

Grand Stereopticon and Motion Pictures.

BEAUTY SPOTS of AMERICA.

Their Grandeur and Sublimity wonderfully illustrated in the colors of nature by magnificent reproductions of natural scenery and life.

Supplemented with song and animated pictures.

TICKETS FOR ENTIRE COURSE, \$1.00, INCLUDING RESERVED SEAT, SINGLE ADMISSION, 25c.

NEW Home-made Bakery!

CARD TO THE PUBLIC!

I would respectfully inform the citizens of Middletown and vicinity that I have decided to open on Saturday next a strictly

HOME-MADE BAKERY, And would ask a share of the public patronage. I will keep constantly on hand, or make to order, Bread, Maryland Biscuits, Pies and Custards of all kinds; Cakes, all kinds and flavors; Cookies, Doughnuts, in fact any and all kinds of nice things.

Special attention to Fruit Cakes for the coming Holidays.

Mince Pies of home-made Mince Meat. Chicken Salad made to order.

All orders promptly filled.

OYSTERS! Raw and served any style. Also Grand's celebrated Ice Cream, all flavors by the gallon, quart, pint or single plate.

Mrs. William Taylor, Cor. Main and Church Sts., Dr. Vallandigham's late residence, Middletown, Del.

Men's Brand New Overcoats

From Our Own Workrooms

If ever our Ready-to-Wear Overcoats pushed the Made-to-Measure Overcoats hard, it's this season.

Take, for example, the long, loose, broad-shouldered Overcoats, 51 inches long—well named "Great" Coats

\$30 buys this model in the imported Eskimo Black Beaver—a fine coat for professional men.

\$22.50 buys this model in a rich, dark Oxford Kersey.

\$12 buys this model in an all-wool Frieze coat. No better coat is sold in many stores for \$15.

Then the 44 and 45-inch full-back Overcoats, in Montagnacs, Kerseys, Beavers, Friezes, Fancy Chevviots—\$7.50 to \$45.

This is the whole story. Oak Hall will give you at the regular prices more value than you can get in the "bargains" that are constantly being exploited in so many stores.

Men's Double-Breasted Sack Suits, \$10 to \$20

We know the best way to talk our business up—it is in putting the best skill in our workrooms. That's the crucial point. You'll like the stock of double-breasted Suits. When we have the pick of the best woollens the mills afford, and the tailors who know how to do the work, why shouldn't the stock be right? Buy a suit made by the Oak Hall force, and you're in step with the best that's to be had.

Four lines of Double-breasted Sack Suits at \$12 and \$15, just in from the tailors.

Carfare to Philadelphia

If you purchase a certain amount here and show your return ticket, we pay your carfare both ways.

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Trains Leave Middletown as Follows:

North Bound—3:30, 7:30, 9:30 and 10:30 a. m.; 1:15 and 5:05 p. m.
South Bound—12:40, 5:31, 9:31 and 11:40 a. m.; 3:36, 4:14 and 7:55 p. m.

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7:30 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 3:50 p. m., 6:45 and 9 p. m.
Going South—12:40 a. m., 4:50 p. m., and 9 p. m.
For Odessa—9:30 a. m., 11:40 a. m., 3:40 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton, Barville and Sassafras—4:40 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., DEC. 5, 1903.

Local News.

Dr. W. E. BARNARD, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

FOR SALE.—One Soda Fountain complete, in good order. Address, Lock Box, No. 321.

We are offering great Bargains in Coats. The whole stock is reduced.

Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. INGRAM'S.

FOR RENT.—A desirable room dwelling on North Broad street. Possession given immediately. Apply at

THIS OFFICE.

Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons from 3.30 to 5, and Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8.30.

Large stock of Misses and Childrens Coats to go at half price. \$10 coats for \$5. Call and see the Bargains.

Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

HOUSE KEEPER WANTED.—A white lady to keep house for a small family. Apply to

C. W. NICKERSON,

Kennedysville, Md.

A few of our busy farmers have corn yet in the field, and unless the weather moderates they will be compelled to husk in the cold.

LADIES SUITS.—We can show a fine assortment of good cloth, pretty trimmed. Latest style from \$5 up.

Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

Mr. John E. Ginn the local paper hanger has secured the contract to paper the new farmhouse occupied by Mr. Joseph Evans near Armstrong's Corner.

During the past few weeks there have been a large number of fruit trees shipped to this vicinity, and many wagon loads of peach, pear and plum trees have been set out.

There will be a sale of cakes, pies, biscuits and candy in the Library Room next Saturday, December 5th, for the benefit of the library. The room will be open at 2 o'clock P. M.

Some of our young men enjoyed skating on "Silver Lake" for the first time this season during the week. The ice was about two and one-half inches thick and afforded great sport for two or three days.

Don't forget the sale of household goods etc., at the late residence of Marcellus Jones, on South Broad street, this afternoon at one o'clock. At the same time and place the clothing will be offered for sale. See ad. in this issue.

Our line of stoves this season surpass all of our former efforts since we entered the stove business, and the prices are right. If you are going to need anything in the stove line we can interest you. All kinds and makes.

J. F. McWHORTER & SON.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending November 26th: Mrs. Frances Lane, Mrs. Rachel Postley, William Forrest, H. D. Harriman, George Hinton, Jefferson Johnson, C. B. Rovanpugh, (two) Henry Selzer, Willie Tunnel, Jos. Yarnall.

STOCK FOR SALE AND FARM FOR RENT.

—Having decided to discontinue farming on the "R. Albion Cochran Farm," I will dispose of the stock and rent the farm to a responsible man. The renter must purchase the stock now on farm. None but those desiring to purchase the stock need apply.

C. M. COCHRAN,

Middletown, Del.

When the thermometer gets down to 10 degrees above zero in this part of Delaware, about the worst cold of the winter has been experienced. The closing days of November were marked by a universal low range of the mercury, and for several mornings in succession the official thermometers registered below twenty degrees above zero.

During the winter Mrs. Kate Naudin will have erected on North Broad street a two story frame building. The site selected is where the small building occupied by William Brinkley as a restaurant now stands. The building will be 14x18 feet in size, and we are reliably informed the first floor will be used as a printing office.

A large barn, stable and outbuildings on the farm owned by Capt. Andrew Woodall, known as the Lundy Farm, near Fredericktown, Cecil County, Tenn., destroyed by fire last week, together with their contents. The fire was due to the bursting of a traction engine which was operating a corn shredder.

WANTED.—FAITHFUL PERSON TO CALL ON retail trade and agents for manufacturing house having well established business; local territory; straight salary \$20 paid weekly and expense money advanced; previous experience unnecessary; position permanent; business successful. Enclose self-addressed envelope. Superintendent Travelers, 605 Monon Bldg., Chicago.

On Wednesday night the Epworth League of Bethesda M. E. Church gave a reception to the month of November as reward of the efforts of their teacher, Miss Gertrude McCrone of Middletown. The names of those who have obtained an average of 90 per cent. and over are as follows: Robert Derrickson, Ethel Derickson, Walter David, Fred Bell, Ethel Webb, Hamilton Statts, Lillie David, Lillian Huggins, Maude McClain, Clara David, Dilda David and Lee David. —*Smyrna Times.*

A very attractive display of choice Xmas goods are to be found at Pearson's Pharmacy. The prices will please the most economical.

We make a specialty of Children's ready-made wear, and now have a fine stock made up. Can save you money. Call and look through our stock.

Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

Miss Helen Cochran gave a luncheon at her home on West Main street Thursday afternoon. Among those present were Miss Mary Williams, Miss Esther Shalcross, Miss Grace Parvis, Miss Mary Nowland, Miss Townsend and Miss Mailey, of Odessa.

Mr. Harry C. Spicer was united in marriage on Wednesday of this week to Miss Fannie B. Crouch, both of this town. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. T. Wyatt, D. D., and the happy young couple left on a north bound train for a short wedding tour. Both Mr. and Mrs. Spicer have a large circle of friends who join THE TRANSCRIPT in extending congratulations. They will reside in Middletown.

"Diamonds and Hearts," the three-act comedy drama to be presented in the Middletown Opera House on Christmas night by local talent promises to surpass all previous efforts in this line. The books and other literature for those who are to take part have arrived, and the first rehearsal will be held on Monday evening next. As stated in these columns last week the proceeds of the entertainment will be used to purchase a piano for the new reading room on North Broad street.

Middletown experienced a genuine touch of winter weather Wednesday. Snow began to fall soon after six o'clock in the morning and the white flakes continued to descend all day and the greater part of the night. Mercury stood around 32 degrees most of the day, but the wind was not cold, however, and the snow on the streets and sidewalks did not get very deep, melting in many places almost as fast as it fell during the morning. In the evening the flakes began to fall more rapidly, and Thursday morning the first sleigh of the season passed through town.

The Y. W. C. T. U. reading room devoted to the use of the young men of the town will be dedicated Tuesday evening, December 8th 1903. Services to be held in M. E. Church. An interesting program will be given and the public are cordially invited. After the dedication the ladies will serve refreshments. Staff Captain Kemp and his assistants have volunteered their services providing they can make arrangements to reach town by the above date, and as the Salvation Brigade made many friends during their recent visit to our town, a large crowd will undoubtedly turn out to hear them on this occasion.

Pretty suits for Misses, and dresses for Children.

Mrs. G. W. PETERSON.

Last Monday the Pennsylvania Railroad Company put a new schedule into effect and trains until further notice will leave Middletown as follows: North—3:29, 7:48, 9:22, 10:24 A. M.; 1:35, 4:17 and 5:38 P. M. South—12:36, 8:21, 9:19, 11:38 A. M.; 4:33, 5:41 and 7:45 P. M. There has been a decided change in the afternoon trains going south. Train No. 21, the first afternoon train, has been taken off and the express train No. 91, leaves Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, at 3 o'clock, twenty minutes earlier. A new train to be known as No. 23 has been installed, which will leave Philadelphia at 4:01 P. M. and will be an accommodation all the way down.

The marshes were alive with trappers on Tuesday, which was the opening of the season for muskrats. Although excessively high tides have done much damage to marshes the past summer, old trappers assert that prospects are favorable for a good catch, and good prices are anticipated for fur. The trapper, in rubber boots, "leads" in which to set his traps. His work must be accomplished on low water in order to find the subaqueous passages to and from the rat houses, known as "leads" which are difficult to find by any one but those who are in muskrat lore. Trapping is an art that can only be acquired by long experience.

James G. Baker of Baker Bros. crochets of sugar corn, of Aberdeen, Md., was in town yesterday and held a conference in the Town Council rooms on South Broad street with the farmers relative to the establishing of a corn cannery in Middletown. Mr. Baker thinks this is one of the most fertile regions of the State and therefore his reason for selecting this site. He said that if he could be guaranteed four or five hundred acres of corn he could at once arrange matters for the building of a modern cannery. Quite a number of the farmers thought this a good thing, in fact, nearly all those present agreed to plant a certain number of acres, and Mr. Baker was assured of the acreage desired. The only obstacle now in the way of the new enterprise is the selection of a site on which to erect the buildings and no doubt this will be adjusted in a few days. The farmers are highly elated over the prospects of a new corn cannery, as those who have raised corn in former years claim that it is more profitable than field corn. If the project goes through, the contract price will be \$8.00 per ton.

Seldom do concert-goers listen to a more enjoyable program than that which was furnished by The Philadelphia Quartette last Tuesday night at the Middletown Opera House. It was the opening night of the Star Course Entertainments, under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society of Forest Presbyterian Church. The Quartette made a favorable impression with the first selection and held the undiminished interest of the audience to the last selection of the program. At the large audience dispersed at the conclusion of the evening's delightful concert, the general sentiment was that the entertainment had been highly enjoyable and it was evident that the people of Middletown and vicinity appreciate the course of entertainments for the coming winter which have been inaugurated. The next entertainment in the course will be on Thursday evening, Dec. 31st.—"New Year's Eve," when The Lincoln's will give their attractive musical and stereoscopic entertainment. The famous Beauty Spots of America renowned for their sublimity and grandeur, will be vividly presented and the wonderful motion pictures will delight and fascinate every one. Old and young should attend this Christmas Holiday entertainment. Tickets for adults 25c, for children 15c each. Any boy or girl selling dollars worth of tickets will receive one fare.

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PERSONALITIES

Mrs. G. G. Rowe was a Philadelphia visitor Tuesday.

Rev. C. T. Wyatt preached at Townsend Thursday night. His subject was "The Cuppage of Wilmington," was the guest of Mr. John R. Crouch several days this week.

Mrs. Sallie K. Baynard, of Smyrna, spent the day at Bethesda M. E. Parsonage Friday.

Mr. Douglas Cochran and friend, Mr. Wosum, of Charleston, S. C., are in town until after the holidays.

Mrs. S. Emlin Massey, Mrs. Albert L. Massey and Miss Lily M. Scott were in Philadelphia on Tuesday.

Rev. C. T. Wyatt's mother, Mrs. Annie E. Wyatt, and his sister, Mrs. Nettie Thomas are welcome guests at the M. E. Parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders Dillon and son, J. Leroy, of Wilmington, spent several days during the past week with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Fournace.

Rev. F. H. Moore was in St. Augustine, Fla., last week, and participated in the marriage ceremony of his nephew, Mr. Samuel Moore, of Philadelphia, and Miss Loe of Jacksonville and Charleston.

Miss Grace H. Parvis, Miss Helen Cochran, Miss Louise McDowell, Misses Bertie and Louise Cochran, Misses Mary and Esther Shalcross, and Miss Julia Loe attended the Delaware College dance at Newark last evening.

The engagement is announced of Mr. Abraham Hayden of this town to Miss Elizabeth West McCoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. McCoy, of near Odessa. The wedding will take place Tuesday, December 15th, 1903, in Bethesda Methodist Episcopal Church in this town. Miss McCoy has been for several years head saleslady for J. B. Messick while Mr. Hayden is a traveling salesman for the J. C. Parker & Son Co., wholesale manufacturers of harness.

CHURCH NOTES

The Rev. F. H. Moore will preach in the Armstrong Chapel on to-morrow afternoon at half-past two o'clock.

Rev. C. T. Wyatt pastor, will preach in Bethesda M. E. Church to-morrow, both morning and evening. Morning text: "Let your light shine." Evening text: "Paul's Calmness in the Storm." All are cordially invited to attend these services.

The Junior Auxiliary of St. Anne's Church will hold its annual bazaar in the New Century Club room next Saturday afternoon, December 12th, from three to ten o'clock. Fancy articles suitable for Christmas presents will be for sale; also cake, ice cream and candy.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "Lost and Helpless—A Man without Christ." John 12:37-43; Heb. 3:12. Leader, Miss Allie McKee.

Glasgow Methodists who are making a fine revival for themselves, along the line of paying old debts and making improvements, will throw open their newly furnished and decorated Sabbath School room to-morrow, and will suitably commemorate the event in appropriate services to be held afternoon and evening.

Rev. C. T. Wyatt of this town, will preach in the afternoon.

SALVATION ARMY TO RETURN

Staff Captain Kemp and the Brigade of the Salvation Army will be in town, will stop off at Middletown for three nights. On Tuesday night they will assist the Y in the dedication of the new reading rooms.

Wednesday night the Brigade will conduct a revival meeting in Bethesda M. E. Church. The first half hour will be devoted to a special musical program.

On Thursday night, December 10th, they will conduct a great service in the M. E. Church. This will be a rare treat for the Staff Captain has secured one of their officers from New York, who will bring with him his "cinema" Kinetoscope with nearly 1000 feet of films to show in moving pictures the funeral and service of the late Consul, Mrs. Booth Tucker, who was killed and buried on the Railroad wreck. There will also be other pictures with living tableaux, followed by a stirring appeal to the un saved. It is expected a large crowd will attend.

WARWICK

Mr. Vernon Litsinger and Mr. Cole, of Baltimore, were over Sunday visitors in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Aikens, of Middletown, Del., were visitors in town recently.

There will be preaching in the M. P. Church to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Senior Christian Endeavor at 7 o'clock. All are welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Merritt, accompanied by Mrs. Rachel Merritt, were in town last week. Mr. Merritt is a resident of the home of Mr. John P. Wilson, near Cecilton, Thursday.

The Senior Christian Endeavor Society held its regular monthly business and social meeting at the home of Mrs. William T. Vinyard last Thursday evening.

Mrs. W. J. B. Lofland entertained Mr. John B. Stephens and daughter, Miss Edna, and Miss Fannie Griffith, of Cecilton, and Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Cannon, of Philadelphia, last Sunday.

Sunday was an ideal day among our town people. The old church which has been thoroughly renovated came up to the standard in appearance. The re-opening services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. D. Litsinger, and his wife, who delivered a most inspiring sermon. The afternoon services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Ernest Litsinger, presented the sermon which was delivered in a masterly manner. The evening service was quite as interesting as either of the other services. Special music was rendered at each service. \$204 was raised to defray expenses.

CECILTON

Miss Mollie Richards is visiting relatives in Wilmington.

Miss Anna Alderson spent Sunday with Miss Mary Dawson.

Oldham Day, of Elkton, spent Thursday with his mother in town.

Mrs. William Clark spent Thursday with relatives in Philadelphia.

Miss Mamie Pierce is visiting relatives in Philadelphia and Germantown.

Misses Desdenona Boulden and Myrtle Templeman visited Wilmington on Friday.

Mrs. Albert Watts and son are spending sometime with her mother in Townsend.

Miss Mamie Jones was the guest of Mrs. Dollie Clayton on Thursday and Friday.

Miss Stetler, of Wilmington, was entertained by Miss Mary Dawson during the past week.

Dr. W. A. Pierce and wife, of Germantown, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with his sister, Mrs. J. A. Pierce. A festival will be held in Cayota school house on Tuesday, December 8th. If stormy the next clear evening. All are asked to bring your friends.

DEATH OF DR. G. G. CHAMBERLAINE

Dr. George G. Chamberlaine, until the past three years, one of Middletown's veteran and most prominent physicians, departed this life at 9.15 o'clock on Friday evening last, in the 83d year of his age. The past year he had been making his home with his son, Rev. Henry Chamberlaine, in New York State, and came to Middletown on a visit about the middle of last month in apparent good health, but was taken with pleuro-pneumonia a few days after his arrival at the home of Miss Sallie Hyatt, where he died.

Mr. George G. Chamberlaine was born on the banks of the Susquehanna River, where it flows into the Chesapeake Bay. He attended private schools in Cecil county, Md., and Delaware College, Newark, Del. He read medicine with Dr. John Wilson Moore, of Philadelphia, and was graduated from the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania in 1848. He immediately began the practice of his profession in Philadelphia.

After six years there, he went to Chester county, Pa., where he remained three years. He spent a like period in Cecil County, Md., and then moved to Middletown.

On April 6th, 1852, in Philadelphia, Dr. Chamberlaine was married to Margaret Gentry. Their living children are: Rev. Henry, rector of St. Matthew's P. E. Church, of New York City; George, merchant of New York City; Alfred M. Druggist, of Middletown; Samuel Lloyd, banker, of New York City; Mrs. Margaret Chamberlaine died September 11th, 1874. Dr. Chamberlaine married, September 28th, 1876, Alice Lavinia, daughter of Richard W. and Catherine (Shallcross) Cochran, of Middletown, who died July 27th, 1902, leaving one son, Herbert C., of New York City.

Dr. Chamberlaine was a member of the P. E. Church, of this town. The funeral took place at two o'clock Monday afternoon, services being held in St. Anne's Church, Rev. W. J. Wilkie, rector of the church, officiating. Interment was made in St. Anne's cemetery, near town. The following gentlemen were pall-bearers: M. N. Willis, George D. Kelley, J. B. Ford, W. A. Conneys, George V. Peverley and J. S. Crouches.

CHURCHMEN DEBATE

The ninth annual session of the Archdeaconry of Wilmington opened in St. Anne's Episcopal Church at 7.30 o'clock Wednesday evening with Bishop Coleman presiding. Frederick Brinkhurst of Marshalltown, was elected secretary and treasurer. The address of welcome was delivered by the rector, the Rev. W. J. Wilkie. It was responded to by the bishop, and the addresses and those who delivered them were as follows: "The duty of men," the Rev. William L. Tiffin, D. D., of Philadelphia; "The duty of the women," the Rev. F. M. Munson, LL. D., of New Castle; "The duty of the children," the Rev. M. L. Poffenberger of Newark.

The session Thursday morning opened at 9 o'clock with a business meeting. This was followed by Holy Communion at 10.30 o'clock. Bishop Coleman was the celebrant. There was a sermon by the Rev. N. C. Foley of Philadelphia, who is rector of the church of the Nativity. His subject was "The relation of the three church workers to the multitude." The delegates were entertained at lunch by the different members of the church. The afternoon session was opened by the Rev. William Francis Dickinson, M. D., of New Castle, who gave the subject "Why should I be a Christian?" He was followed by the Rev. Charles Holland Kipper, who spoke on "Why should I be a churchman?" At 3.30 P. M. the Rev. W. J. Hamilton of Delaware City, gave an interesting address on the subject, "Christian marriage, what is it?" In the afternoon the Rev. Francis L. Wells, the most important discussion was opened by the Rev. F. M. Munson relative to the work of the church. Hon. E. G. Bradford's subject was "Should the present canon on divorce be changed?" The Rev. William B. Beach of Wilmington, made the motion to print in the *Delaware Churchman* the article of the Coadjutor of Montreal and send marked copies to all prominent Presbyterian and Methodist ministers. The article refers to the similarity of the faith of the Presbyterians and Methodists to that of the Episcopal church.

At the session Thursday evening the addresses were as follows: "The extension of the Kingdom in the 19th century," by the Rev. J. J. Hamilton, "In the 20th century," by Archdeacon Hall. "The appointment plan," by Bishop Coleman.

The meeting then adjourned and will meet next year subject to invitation.

ST. GEORGES

James Gam visited Philadelphia this week.

John Gam was a visitor in Wilmington on Tuesday.

George Swain and wife visited friends near Blackbird on Sunday.

Edward Rebold, of Delaware City, was a visitor in town on Tuesday.

James Denning and son, of Red Lion, spent Saturday with H. C. Gray and family.

J. B. Nelson and wife entertained Isaac Clever and wife, of Kennedysville, last week.

Clarence Craig and wife, of Newport, paid a visit to his brother near town last week.

J. Gray and wife, of Seaford, spent part of last week with his parents, Mr. J. Gray and wife.

The town council are having lumber hauled for a new board walk to be placed on the causeway.

Mrs. W. R. Pennington and children, of Fairville, Pa., spent last week with W. K. Price and family.

George Bright and wife, of Delaware City, visited her parents, A. F. Sutton and wife on Sunday.

Miss Minnie Holt has returned to New York after a pleasant visit with her cousin, Mrs. J. C. Stuckert.

Miss Sara Milligan has accepted a position as teacher of a school near Newark and left on Monday for that place.

Mrs. Mary Vail had as guests on Thursday Mrs. George, of Wilmington, and Edgar and family, of near Newark.

John Vail, wife and son, of McDonough, and Mrs. J. B. Nelson were entertained by Mrs. Alda Jones on Thursday.

Miss Edna Stetson has returned to Philadelphia, after a stay of several weeks with her uncle, Dr. and Mrs. J. W. DeWitt.

The K. G. M. Bible Readers will meet at the home of Miss Mollie Taylor on Monday evening, M. D. B. Stewart will be the leader.

One Elkton degree staff will visit National Lodge No. 32, I. O. O. F., on Tuesday evening and confer degrees on ten delegates.

Members Theodore Jones, J. B. Nelson and J. W. Carrow attended a meeting of the State Temperance Alliance held at Dover on Tuesday.

We are glad to state that John H. Lee, of Montchanin, who has many friends here, has returned from the Pastors Institute of Baltimore, cured. He was bitten by a dog some weeks ago, which was supposed to have had the rabies.

SASSAFRAS

Middletown is now on sale for Christmas.

The farmers have been busy shelling corn.

The small boys have been out in full force throwing snow balls.

Revival services are being held in the M. E. Church at Townsend.

Miss Annie Ford, of Ford's Landing, is entertaining her cousin in Elkton.

Several entertainments are being planned for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Harry Griffith and daughter left Saturday for a week's visit to Philadelphia relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Griffith entertained Rev. W. D. Litsinger, of Warwick, on Tuesday.

We are sorry to state that the little son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson Cochran is no better at this writing.

Mr. Thomas Massey, of Massey, raised 1610 bushels of fine corn on 23 acres of land adjoining the station.

Miss Mabel Cochran, of Middletown, is visiting her brother, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson Cochran, near town.

Thanksgiving moved off very quietly. All the stores were open. There were no services in either of our churches.

Mrs. Therza Shallcross lost a heavy black and gray shawl enroute for her home near Cecilton, near town.

The revival brigades under the command of Staff Capt. Kemp are holding their evangelist campaign in the M. E. Church at Millington.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Ernest, sons and daughters were entertained on Thanksgiving day by her sister, Mr. and Mrs. John R. H. Price, of near Warwick.

Miss Nora Baston, teacher of the public school, attended the Kent County Teachers Association in Chestertown last Wednesday and remained at her home in that place for the Thanksgiving vacation.

Sleepy old Sassafras was very much alive on Monday afternoon. The public school caught fire from an over heated stove about noon when all of the children were out, with the exception of three little girls who were cleaning the room.

The alarm was quickly given and a bucket brigade was formed by which the fire was extinguished. School is now being held in the town hall.

BOHEMIA MANOR

Mr. Thomas Swing, of Townsend, entertained Philadelphia friends last week.

Mrs. Julius Clayton and daughter, Miss Adelaide, spent one day last week in Philadelphia.

Miss Bessie Barwick, of Chesapeake City, spent part of last week with Miss Ethel Edison.

Miss Elizabeth Swing, of Philadelphia, was entertained during the holidays by Miss Ethel Berry.

Miss Myrtle Berry enjoyed the hospitality of Wilmington friends from Wednesday until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Boulden spent Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. James Vinyard, near Cecilton.

The first real snow of the season made its appearance on Saturday night and Sunday. Some of our sportsmen began to think we were to have a sleighing snow and great was their disappointment.

Sales to Take Place

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th.—Executors Sale of Household and Stable Goods of Marcellus Jones, deceased, at his late residence on South Broad street, Middletown, Delaware.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17th, 1903.—Administratrix's sale by Elizabeth Marim, in Blackbird Hundred, of Farming Implements, Household Goods, etc. B. V. Weldon, Auctioneer.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21st, 1903.—Sale of Stock, Farming Implements, Household Goods, etc., by Benjamin P. Sartin, on the James McMullin Farm, on the road leading from Glasgow to Porters Station. William Smith, auctioneer.